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Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce the following changes to its staff:

- **Susan Haling** was named First Assistant Inspector General, effective October 16, 2015.
- **Angela O. Luning** was named Deputy Inspector General, effective October 16, 2015.
- **Claudia P. Ortega** was named Chief Administrative Officer, effective October 16, 2015.
- **Denise Vieaux** was named Human Resources Supervisor, effective October 16, 2015.
- **Grant Anderson** moved from the Springfield office to the Chicago office, where he will work in General Investigations, effective November 2, 2015.

EEC Affirms OEIG Determination in Revolving Door Matter



The Executive Ethics Commission affirmed the OEIG's determination that a former Department of Transportation (IDOT) Vehicle Compliance Inspector is restricted from accepting employment with a company overseen by IDOT.

The former IDOT inspector's job included inspecting facilities at which trucks, school buses and church buses received State-mandated inspections. The inspector submitted his inspection reports to superiors who would then take whatever corrective action was required.

During the year before the inspector retired from IDOT, he inspected facilities of his prospective employer, Midwest Bus Sales, Inc. (MBS), on at least nine occasions.

The EEC affirmed the OEIG's determination that the employee had "participated personally and substantially in making regulatory and licensing decisions that directly applied to MBS" in his last year with the State, and so was barred from accepting employment with MBS until December 31, 2015.

The EEC explained that "[a] State employee may be personally and substantially involved in a regulatory decision even though he or she was not the final decision maker." The EEC also noted that, in issuing its decision, it "does not suggest that [the employee] acted inappropriately in any way as a State employee or toward his prospective employer." The decision, **In re: Murray (16 EEC 003)**, is available on the OEIG website.

\$1,000 Fine for Failure to Cooperate with OEIG

The EEC imposed a \$1,000 fine on Andrew Meyer, a Department of Human Services (DHS) employee, for failing to cooperate in an OEIG investigation. Mr. Meyer, a caseworker at DHS, was alleged to have made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to a client who was seeking benefits.

The EEC found that, in two separate interviews with the OEIG, Mr. Meyer falsely denied that he had made the inappropriate comments. The Ethics Act requires State employees to cooperate with the OEIG in its investigations. Failure to cooperate includes the making of knowing false statements. Accordingly, the EEC found that Mr. Meyer's false denials violated the Ethics Act.

Despite imposing only a fine, the EEC affirmed its authority to order that an individual be dismissed from State employment for a failure to cooperate. The decision, **Meza v Meyer (14 EE-013)**, is available on the OEIG website.